

## Concert Chorale to Sing At Thanksgiving Rites

The choir for The Thanksgiving Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral is the Concert Chorale, made up of 45 Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Mass is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. that day, and will be the second time that the Chorale has participated in the diocesan Thanksgiving liturgy at Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's request.

The bishop will be the principal concelebrant of the Mass.

A special selection of hymns of thanksgiving will be sung. They include the 16th century "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," and the contemporary

"Give Thanks," by Virginia Pados, a nationally known composer, formerly of Rochester.

The Concert Chorale, under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan, participated in the White House Pageant of Peace last Christmas.

Bishop Hogan this week extended an invitation to all diocesans to attend the liturgy which will feature themes from the Campaign for Human Development.

Human Development personnel will also take active parts in the rites.

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6 bills. Christmas, however, will not be a time for any extra treats or gifts unless someone is willing to share with them. Catholic Family Center.

6 Mrs. S has been a widow for a year. She has eight children. Prior to his death her husband had a heart condition. Mrs. D. receives Social Security and supplementary Welfare. She has a serious back condition. Recently her washer, which our agency purchased for her second hand, stopped working and was not repairable. The Welfare Department cannot buy washing machines now and the agency does not have the budget to buy a replacement. Mrs. D. has been spending \$10 a week in the laundramat and has to have one of the children take the wash for her because of her back. She would very much appreciate a new, heavy duty washer that could handle the frequent use she has to give a machine. Another second hand washer would probably not work in another year. Mrs. D. is appreciative of any help given her. Her family has been able to celebrate Christmas in the past only because of the generosity of people who share their love in a concrete way through the Christmas program. Catholic Family Center.

7 Mrs. J. is a widow who supports herself through day work. However, she is now up in years and is not able to work as much as she had in the past. She manages to support herself but on holidays she brings her son home. He is in an institution for the mentally retarded. Extra money at Christmas time will enable her to provide a Christmas dinner for the two of them and some recreation. Catholic Family Center.

8 The N's have three children. Mr. N. works hard but earns a low salary. He has recently recovered from an illness which

has left him handicapped. He is working hard to overcome it but the family is behind financially because of the illness. They do not receive assistance. Mrs. N. has entered a work training program and hopes to get a job to help out. They would not have a Christmas if it were not for those who share at this time of year. Catholic Family Center.

9 Mrs. S. is a 50-year-old widow of five years standing. She has five children and they reside in their own home in an old inner city neighborhood. The children are being well educated, are always neat and tidy and well behaved. She manages on a fixed Social Security income; she's proud of not having any outstanding bills but neither does her family have any luxuries. Mrs. S. is proud of her children and each day her first concern is their welfare. A Christmas dinner and gifts for mother and children will brighten their holiday. Catholic Family Center.

10 Josie is 84 years old. She lives alone in a small dilapidated cottage that she owns, and walks with crutches because of her very painful arthritis. The entire house is filled with boxes and belongings that she is not able to put away. There is just a narrow pathway, to an old couch which she uses as her bed. Her total income per month is \$104. In order to save money, she tries to get someone to take her to the public market to buy food. The neighborhood children call her a witch, since she lives like a hermit, and they torment her even to the extent of climbing up on her roof and ripping off shingles. Josie needs to move, but no one is able to convince her of this. Her other dire need is food, particularly canned goods that will last during the long cold winter when she can't get out to shop at the public market. Catholic Family Center.

11 Mr. P. has lived for only a short time in this country; he and his four children are in a poorly heated small apartment. His daughter, who is only 11 years old, does all the cooking. A good Christmas dinner would be a welcome relief. Catholic Family Center.

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## Bishops Back Boycott

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Bishops (NCCB), also urged growers and the Teamsters Union to "accede" to the UFW demand for free elections without delay.

Although the UFW has enjoyed widespread support in the Catholic Church, as well as among many other religious groups, this is the first time that the bishops' conference has formally endorsed a UFW boycott.

Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Donnelly of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the bishops' ad hoc committee on farm labor who made the proposals, told the bishops that the "very existence of the UFW is at stake in this struggle."

After tracing the three-year history of the dispute between the Teamsters and the UFW over jurisdictional rights among California farm workers, the prelate said his committee "is convinced that the cause represented by Cesar Chavez and the UFW is a just cause. We are persuaded that the UFW represents the best interests of the nation's agricultural workers and that it deserves our wholehearted support."

Wholehearted support is what the committee's proposals received. Every speaker to the motions supported the recommendations of Bishop Donnelly's committee and the proposals were adopted without dissent. A unanimous voice vote carried both motions.

Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston, former Bishop of Brownsville, Texas, stressed the non-violent aspect of the farm-workers' cause.

## Holiday Obligation

The following is the text of a memorandum issued by the Pastoral Center on Mass obligations.

Several priests have asked whether the faithful who make use of the Saturday Mass privilege in fulfilling their Sunday obligation will also at the same time fulfill the obligation of attendance at Mass on the Holyday, Dec. 8, which this year falls on a Saturday.

The Sacred Congregation for the Clergy replied in the NEGATIVE to a similar inquiry in a letter dated September 16, 1969 [Prot. N. 125647/1]. In other words, the Saturday privilege which is given to facilitate the fulfillment of the Sunday obligation in no way derogates from the separate obligation of the preceding day. The faithful may fulfill their obligation for Saturday, Dec. 8 by assisting at Mass on Friday afternoon or evening. The same will hold true for all similar circumstances.

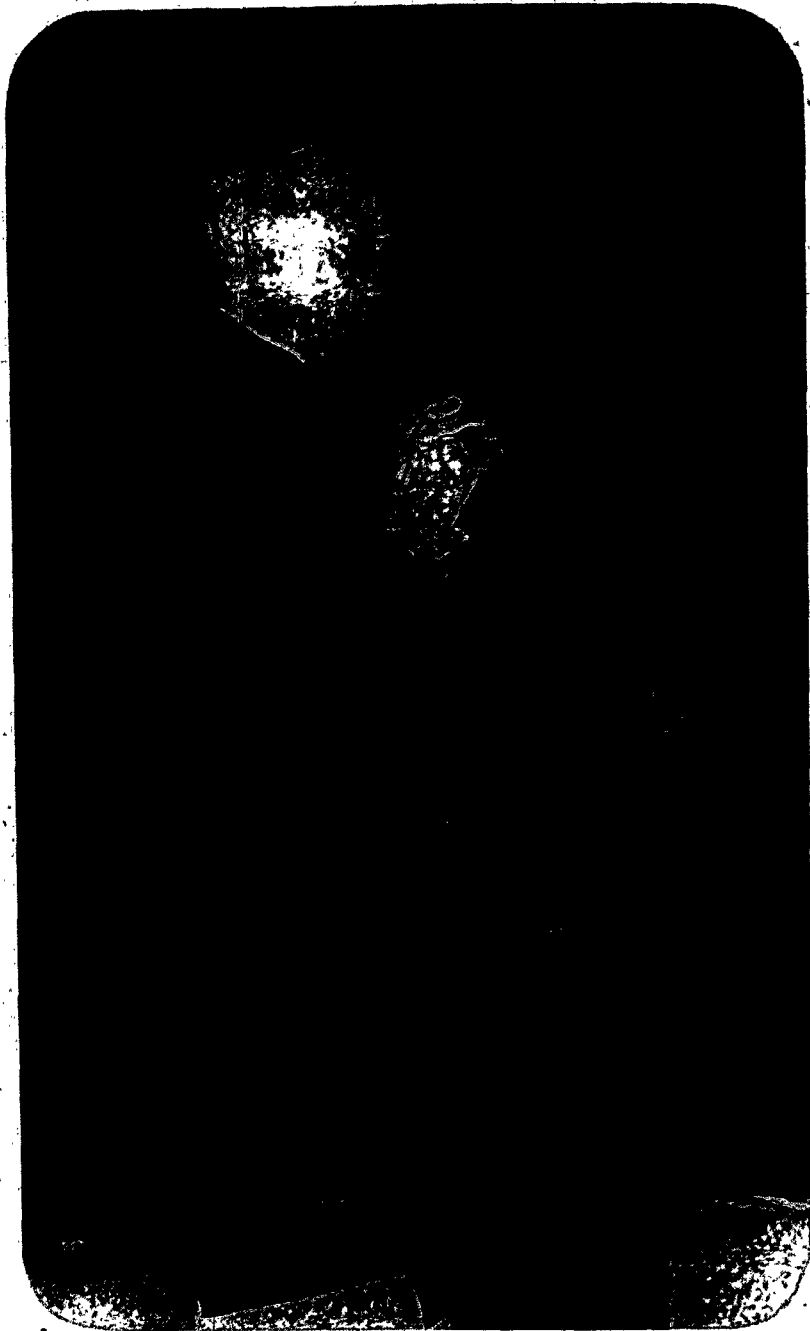


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## Guest of Honor

Bishop Kearney was called on to say a few words at the annual Seton Ball, Saturday, Nov. 17. The bishop who celebrated his 89th birthday Oct. 28 was guest of honor. Mrs. William Sheehy, chairman of the ball, is seated to the bishop's left.

## Sisters Discuss Clergy Conferences

January Clergy Conferences were discussed at the monthly Diocesan Sisters Council (DSC) meeting Nov. 17 in Elmira.

The council's New and Pastoral Ministries Committee arranged the program for the conferences which will consist of panels of priests and sisters.

Topics will include finances, ministry and the community.

The conference for those priests in the Rochester area will be Jan. 15 at Becket Hall and was arranged by Father John O'Connor and Sister Elizabeth Anne LeValley, SSJ.

The Jan. 16 clergy conference for those in the Southern Tier also is being directed by Father O'Connor and Sister Edwina Butler, RSM.

Since it was the first time the DSC had met in the Southern Tier, other business discussed included the school consolidation and inter-congregational staffs in the Elmira area.

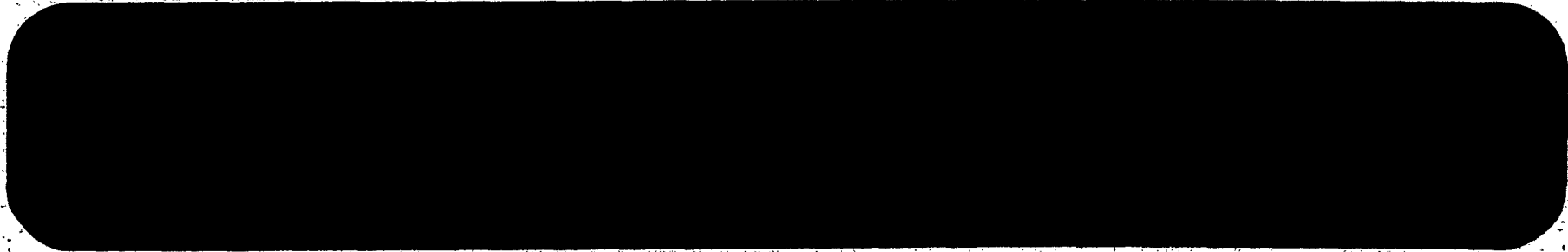
School consolidation became a reality in 1971, but because of the 1972 flood this is the first year it is operating under normal circumstances.

The Sisters chose delegates to attend a Dec. 5 meeting at St. Stephen's in Geneva on the rewriting of the Diocesan Fund Development Office Proposal.

They are Sister Rosalma Hayes, SSJ, Sister Scholastica Cauffield, RSM, and Sister Veronica Casey, RSM. All three were on the council's ad hoc committee set up to study the proposal when it was first presented in September.

A Spring Workshop planned by the DSC will be held for diocesan priests and religious on April 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Nazareth Academy. The speaker will be Sister Suzanne Bruckle RSM, from Providence, R.I. She will speak on The Committed Minister: Relationship In and Around the Community.

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